(a) the details of the army personnel and paramilitary forces and policemen killed by the terrorist groups in the State of Assam during the last six months and till date;

(b) the details of the innocent public killed by terrorists and anti-national elements during the last one year in the state of Assam; and

(c) the details of the compensation and exgratia payment by Government to the victims of the family members against such cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS SHRI I.D. SWAMI : (a) As per available information, 60 (sixty) personnel of security forces were killed by terrorist groups in Assam between July 1, 1999 and March, 31, 2000.

(b) As per available information, 220 civilians were killed by terrorist outfits during 1999 in Assam.

(c) An ex-gratia amount of Rs. 1 lakh is paid by the Government of Assam to the next of kin of civilians killed in terrorist violence. An ex-gratia amount of Rs. 5 lakh is paid to the dependents of the deceased of State Police, Army and other Central paramilitary forces. Special family pension to the next of kin and job on compassionate grounds to the eligible candidate of the family of deceased policemen has also been provided.

M/s. Perutek Dupes Investors

4014. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minster of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that recently M/s Perutek Services Ltd. (a) Pvt. Agro based NBFC), M-4, Chiranjiv Tower, New Delhi has duped thousands on investor across the country of several crores in fixed deposits, by closing all its offices in September, 1998;

(b) whether Government are also aware that an FIR No. 851/38 lodged at Nehru Place Police Station in the above case did not yield any positive outcome; and

(c) whether a CBI inquiry would be conducted into the incident, if so, by when alongwith the present steps being taken by Government to trace and return huge public money so locked with the company?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO) : (a) to (c) Delhi Police have registered two FIRs against M/s Perutek Services Ltd. On receipt of complainants that the complainants had been cheated of their investments by the said company. Three of the accused persons have been arrested and are presently in judicial custody. In the meanwhile, the land/property purchased by the accused persons at various places has been identified and the revenue authorities concerned have been advised not to allow transfer or change in the title or execute sale deed in respect of these properties.

There is no proposal to entrust investigation of this case to any other agency.

ISI Trained Militants in North East

4015. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that ISI is pushing militants in North-East from the porous Bangladesh border;

(b) if so, the causes for said state of affairs; and

(c) whether our intelligence agencies and forces guarding the borders are not able to detect this infiltration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) Pak ISI is persisting with its efforts to foment terrorism in the country by smuggling in weapons, explosives, fake currency and drugs with a view to stepping up the activities of the militant groups. The arrest of ISI agents in Assam and interrogation reports of arrested militants in the North Eastern region reveal Pakistan's involvement in training, supply of arms etc. to militant groups in the North East.

(c) All steps are taken by BSF and intelligence agencies to prevent infiltration of militants into India from across the Indo-Bangladesh border.

Women prisoners in Jails

†4016. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there are many women prisoners in different jails of the country;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.